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Summary

The present report contains the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, which amounts to $40,683,600. The budget provides for the deployment of 55 international staff, 181 national staff and 6 temporary positions.

The total resource requirements for the Logistics Base for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 have been linked to the objective of the Base through a results-based framework under the support component.

The explanations of variances in the levels of both human and financial resources, have been linked, where applicable, to specific outputs planned by the Logistics Base.

Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.)

Category	*Expenditure (2005/06)*	*Apportionment (2006/07)*	*Cost estimates (2007/08)*	*Variance*	
				Amount	*Percentage*
Military and police personnel	—	—	—	—	—
Civilian personnel	11 931.0	17 380.2	18 319.6	939.4	5.4
Operational costs	15 596.4	18 098.5	22 364.0	4 265.5	23.6
Gross requirements	**27 527.4**	**35 478.7**	**40 683.6**	**5 204.9**	**14.7**
Staff assessment income	1 849.1	2 535.2	2 689.9	154.7	6.1
Net requirements	**25 678.3**	**32 943.5**	**37 993.7**	**5 050.2**	**15.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	**27 527.4**	**35 478.7**	**40 683.6**	**5 204.9**	**14.7**

Human resources

	International staff	*National staff*[a]	*Temporary positions*[b]	*Total*
Total				
Approved 2006/07	47	169	—	**216**
Proposed 2007/08	55	181	6	**242**
Net change	**8**	**12**	**6**	**26**

[a] Includes national General Service staff.

[b] Funded under general temporary assistance.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in section IV of the present report.

I. Objective and planned results

1. The original storage facility for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations was the United Nations Supply Depot, first located in Naples and later moved to Pisa, Italy. The supply depot was first established to receive assets available upon the closure of the United Nations Emergency Force in 1956. The United Nations Logistics Base has been in operation since late 1994.

2. The Logistics Base is located at Brindisi, Italy. The memorandum of understanding regarding the use of the facilities at Brindisi by the United Nations was signed by the Secretary-General and the Republic of Italy on 23 November 1994 and amended on 7 December 2001. The Logistics Base contains 22 warehouses, 12 workshops and technical buildings, 15 office buildings and a training centre.

3. The objective of the Logistics Base is, as it is for the support account, to ensure efficient and effective peacekeeping operations.

4. Within this overall objective, the Logistics Base will, during the budget period, contribute to one expected accomplishment by delivering related key outputs, shown in the framework below. The framework is grouped under the following Logistics Base functional areas: Logistics Services, including strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks and Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipment management; Communications and Information Technology Services; Tenant Units administered by the Logistics Base under the operational control of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations; and the United Nations Logistics Base Support Services, including management and administration of the Base. This grouping reflects the proposed new concept of operations for the Base (see paras. 8 to 17).

5. The expected accomplishment would lead to the fulfilment of the objective of the Logistics Base, and the indicators of achievement show a measurement of progress towards the accomplishment during the budget period. The human resources, in terms of number of personnel, have been attributed to the Logistics Base as a whole under the support component. Variances in the number of personnel compared with the 2006/07 budget, including as the result of the new concept of operations for the Logistics Base, are set out in tables 1.1 to 1.6 below.

6. In order to facilitate the presentation of the proposed new concept of operations and the corresponding changes in the staffing structure, the proposed changes in staffing have been grouped under five categories described in the reference box below. The summary statements of proposed staffing changes in each section refer back to the five categories. The category is provided in square brackets after each summary statement.

- Category a: restructuring of the Logistics Base, resulting in the move of a post(s) from Office X to Section Y, while the functions of the post(s) remain the same
- Category b: restructuring of the Logistics Base, resulting in the move of some of the functions from an existing or abolished post in Office X to an existing post(s) or to a post to be created in Section Y
- Category c: creation of new post(s) as a result of the introduction of new functions at the Logistics Base
- Category d: abolishment of a post
- Category e: reclassification of a post

7. In the 2007/08 financial period, the Logistics Base will seek efficiency gains in the management and administration of the Base. Efficiencies will be sought through a reduction in the Base's logistics support services contract and through the reorganization of the Transport Section under Logistics Services under the new concept of operations and restructuring of the Base (see paras. 97 and 108 below). Efficiency gains will be sought also from commercial communications services and leasing arrangements for office equipment as explained in paragraphs 103 and 105 below.

The proposed new concept of operations for the Logistics Base

8. In its resolution 60/267, the General Assembly recalled paragraph 3 of its resolution 59/299, in which it took note of the proposal to expand the United Nations Logistics Base, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly for its decision detailed information on the concept of operations, financial and legal implications and expected benefits that may arise from the expansion with the budget for 2007/08.

9. From July to October 2006, a comprehensive organizational review of the Logistics Base was carried out at the Base, led by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, resulting in a new concept of operations, including a proposal to locate three new initiatives at the Base.

10. The main driving force of the proposed new concept of operations is the fact that the current structure of the Logistics Base is increasingly inadequate for it to effectively manage its expanding functions to service missions and Headquarters clients. More specifically, the current structure of the Base mixes services in support of missions and Headquarters clients with services in support of the Base itself. Therefore, the current structure does not adequately address the specialization of services provided by the Base. In summary, the current structure of the Base lacks focus on the products delivered and clients served.

11. The proposed new structure addresses the above shortcomings, most importantly by realigning organizational units with the products delivered and clients served. The proposed structure consists of United Nations Logistics Base Support Services, Logistics Services, Communications and Information Technology Services and five Tenant Units, namely, the Training Delivery Cell, the Regional

Aviation Safety Office, the Strategic Air Operations Centre, the Geographical Information Systems Centre and the Engineering Design Unit (see annex).

12. The establishment of the Logistics Base Support Services would combine such services under one umbrella, compared with the present structure, in which responsibilities to service the Logistics Base itself are dispersed across the Administrative Support and Technical Support Services (see annex). The new arrangement would enable the proposed Logistics and Communications and Information Technology Services to focus on supporting peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients, rather than servicing the Logistics Base itself. The proposed Logistics Base Support Services would include personnel, finance, procurement, general services and facilities management sections and consolidate responsibility for the cross-cutting support functions of the Logistics Base and the Tenant Units (see table 1.1 below).

13. The proposed Logistics Services would comprise the following four sections in addition to the Office of the Chief Logistics Officer; Logistics Operations Section, including an Air Operations Office, Transport Section and restructured Supply and Engineering Sections that would be relieved of functions not directly associated with mission logistics support. Two units of the present Engineering Office — building maintenance and engineering projects — would be moved to establish a new Facilities Management Section under the United Nations Logistics Base Support Services, and the restructured Engineering Section would focus on the receipt, maintenance, storage and shipment of strategic deployment stocks and the refurbishment and management of United Nations reserve stocks (see table 1.2 below).

14. The proposed Communications and Information Technology Services would continue to provide voice, data and video communications switching, bridging and routing services among missions and between missions and Headquarters. In addition, the services would manage and operate the Department of Peacekeeping Operations data centre in support of business continuity and disaster recovery for all peacekeeping operations. The proposed Communications and Information Technology Services would comprise the Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology, the Network Systems Section, the Systems Support Section and the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit, which would be responsible for integrating, maintaining and managing communications and information technology systems, including strategic deployment stocks items and United Nations reserve stocks systems and training centre communications and information technology systems (see table 1.3 below).

15. In addition to the three new services, the proposed structure of the Base would include the new concept of Tenant Units. The units, which in the present structure comprise the Training Delivery Cell and the Regional Aviation Safety Office, would be administered by the Logistics Base but would be under the operational control of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

16. As noted in paragraph 9 above, in addition to the two existing Tenant Unit Units — the Training Delivery Cell and the Regional Aviation Safety Office — the budget for 2007/08 proposes that three new Tenant Units be located at the Logistics Base. The establishment of the units — the Strategic Air Operations Centre, the Geographical Information Systems Centre and the Engineering Design Unit — was proposed by the Secretary-General in his report on the use of the Logistics Base to

provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients (A/60/715).[1] The General Assembly took note of the Secretary-General's report in paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/267.

17. Moreover, this budget proposal includes a pilot project for the Personnel Management and Support Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The proposed pilot project will test the concept of an off-site recruitment and outreach unit of the Personnel Management and Support Service to carry out reference checks for candidates for peacekeeping vacancies in order to reap cost savings in the human resources management of the Department. In the pilot stage, it is proposed that the Recruitment and Outreach Unit be staffed with temporary positions funded under general temporary assistance. If the concept proves to be effective, provisions for a Recruitment and Outreach Tenant Unit may be included in later budget submissions, as appropriate.

Component : support

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
1.1 Increased efficiency and effectiveness of peacekeeping operations	1.1.1 Deployment of strategic deployment stock equipment to new and expanding missions within 90 days of the Security Council mandate
	1.1.2 Reduction in the average receipt and inspection time for strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks and Logistics Base and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipments (2005/06: 26 days; 2006/07: 25 days; 2007/08: 20 days)
	1.1.3 Reduction in the average shipment processing time for strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks, Logistics Base and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipments from the receipt of material release orders for a consolidated shipment to be dispatched (2005/06: 20 days; 2006/07: 17 days; 2007/08: 15 days)
	1.1.4 Deployment of a Geographical Information System team to new and expanding missions within 30 days of the Security Council mandate
	1.1.5 Clearance of Department of Peacekeeping Operations strategic worldwide inter-mission flights by the Strategic Air Operations Centre within four working days from receipt of the request (2007/08: 4 days)

[1] In addition to the three proposed units, the report also includes a preliminary description of an aviation quality assurance programme at the Base. The budget for 2007/08 does not include provisions for that programme. However, such a programme and related provisions may be included in later budget submissions, as appropriate.

Outputs

Logistics Services

- Receipt and inspection of strategic deployment stock items (including vehicles, generators, prefabricated buildings and related equipment, communications and information technology equipment, spare parts and expendable items) valued at approximately $141.5 million, that is, equivalent to the deployment of one complex mission requirement
- Compilation of 550 stationary items and cleaning kits in order to expedite the dispatch of strategic deployment stocks to missions and to reduce the number of strategic deployment stock line items in inventory
- Issuance to missions, including the rotation, of 100 per cent fully checked and prepared strategic deployment stock items valued at approximately $141.5 million, that is, equivalent to the deployment of one complex mission requirement, based on peacekeeping missions' operational requirements
- Storage and maintenance (to warranty standards) of strategic deployment stock equipment, including on average 673 vehicles, 36 trailers, 288 generators, 1,673 prefabricated buildings and related equipment, spare parts and expendable items (based on an average of 70 per cent of stocks being at the Logistics Base)
- Installation of CarLogs and radios that comply with minimum operating security standards in 500 strategic deployment stock vehicles prior to shipment to missions
- Receipt and inspection of United Nations reserve stocks and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipment items
- Storage, refurbishment and maintenance of 40 vehicles, 10 generators and other miscellaneous equipment in the United Nations reserve stocks from liquidating and downsizing missions
- Management of sea shipments and airlift from the Logistics Base to peacekeeping missions, including trans-shipments
- Conduct of one disposal sale of United Nations reserve stocks at a total value of at least $5.0 million
- Development and launch of an automated inventory management system, including bar-coding, for the receipt and dispatch of strategic deployment stock, United Nations reserve stocks and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipment items, as well as receipt by the Logistics Base of its own inventory

Communications and Information Technology Services

- 24-hour operation of the communications and information technology hub of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for all peacekeeping missions and Headquarters
- Provision of 35 E1 inter-mission voice lines, 33 commercial integrated services digital network E1 voice lines, 113 satellite inter-mission links, 10 leased lines, 2 E3 Internet data links and 17 videoconferencing links
- Maintenance and operation of communications equipment comprising 4 satellite Earth stations, 18 private telephone exchanges, 2 videoconferencing bridges and 19 high-end routers
- Maintenance and operation of information technology equipment comprising 272 servers, 8 blade server cabinets, 186 Cisco network devices, 8 Stonesoft firewalls, 29 EMC high-end data-storage systems and 10 EMC data storage network devices

- Hosting, maintenance and help desk support for all peacekeeping missions, covering 5 centrally hosted applications (asset management, procurement system, 35,000 Web mail boxes, 19 websites and 336 Lotus Notes replications)
- Storage of production data and mail database for disaster recovery and business continuity purposes (75 terabyte data-storage capacity)

Tenant Units

Training Delivery Cell

- Provision of trainers and training material to five peacekeeping exercises/seminars organized by Member States and regional organizations
- In cooperation with host Member States, delivery of three courses for 72 prospective and selected mission senior leaders
- Conduct of 2 seminars for senior leaders for 50 new civilian, military and police advisers and for chief military and police personnel officers
- Delivery of 4 train-the-trainer courses for 104 military and police peacekeeping trainers from Member States and regional organizations for standardized specialist peacekeeping courses, including but not restricted to United Nations military observers, United Nations military observer team leaders, United Nations staff officers and United Nations police mentors
- Conduct of 22 civilian predeployment induction courses at the Logistics Base for 570 civilian peacekeeping staff
- Conduct of 4 seminars for staff of four Member States and regional organizations, including on sexual exploitation and abuse, human rights and security sector reform
- Delivery of 2 national police officer evaluation courses for 60 participants in peacekeeping missions to train United Nations police personnel in missions in the evaluation of prospective candidates for employment in the host country national police forces

Regional Aviation Safety Office

- 8 aviation safety assistance visits to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)
- Dissemination of aviation safety reference material and advice to the Logistics Base, UNMIK and UNOMIG on the implementation of aviation safety policies, procedures and guidelines provided by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- 4 carrier assessment visits to UNMIK during troop rotations of formed police units
- 4 carrier survey visits, in cooperation with the Aviation Safety Unit of the Logistics Support Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to air operators based in the region
- Organization of monthly/bimonthly Aviation Safety Council meetings at the Logistics Base, UNOMIG and UNMIK
- Air safety incident investigations and investigation of accidents

Strategic Air Operations Centre

- Establishment and operation of flight following system for the United Nations aviation fleet of 228 aircraft in the peacekeeping missions for total of some 120,000 flight hours and transportation of 723,600 passengers and 140,900 tons of cargo
- Monthly usage report on United Nations air assets and performance reports on 79 commercial charter agreement, including monthly reports to the peacekeeping missions
- Clearance and monitoring of all Department of Peacekeeping Operations worldwide inter-mission flights
- Maintenance of 24-hour readiness to respond to search and rescue and field mission aero-medical and emergency flights

Geographical Information System Centre

- Development and launch of a geo-data repository to provide existing maps and geospatial data to all peacekeeping missions and Headquarters
- Production, including through in situ visits by a geographical information system team, of on demand geographic analyses and 500 new topographic base map sheets and updates, in particular for mission planning and start-up phases
- Establishment and completion of system testing of a Department of Peacekeeping Operations image map viewer system (Google Earth) for peacekeeping missions and Headquarters
- Training of 30 peacekeeping personnel in 2 training courses at the Logistics Base on geographical information systems, including on remote sensing, global positioning systems and mapping

Engineering Design Unit

- Preparation of designs, schedules for quantity and engineering drawings for major engineering projects in peacekeeping missions
- Preparation of procurement documentation, including statements of work, and liaison with the Procurement Service in the Department of Management regarding the procurement for engineering projects
- Development of 20 template designs for engineering projects, including the preparation of standard specifications for peacekeeping facilities, and requirements for frequently requisitioned engineering materials and equipment

United Nations Logistics Base Support Services

Civilian personnel

- Administration of 55 international and 181 national staff
- Administration of logistics support services contracts equivalent to 50 contract staff
- Administration of 80 software development contractors and 3 staff from peacekeeping missions communications/information technology assigned to the Logistics Base
- Checking the references of 150 candidates per day for recruitment for peacekeeping vacancies (recruitment and outreach unit pilot project)

Facilities and infrastructure

- Maintenance and provision of building management services for 49 buildings (41,657 m^2), 26 soft-walled shelters (13,382 m^2) and 236,305 m^2 of open area, including 86,280 m^2 of storage area, and 91,100 m^2 of roads and parking area
- Construction of a consolidated satellite communications facility, including construction of a 600 m^2 satellite farm building capable of hosting engineers, systems and workshops

Ground transportation

- Operation and maintenance of 139 vehicles in the Logistics Base fleet, including light, medium and heavy forklifts, trucks, trailers, buses, sedans and delivery vans

Communications and information technology

- Operation and maintenance of the Logistics Base information technology network comprising 478 desktop and 84 laptop computers, 137 printers, 28 servers, 32 digital senders, 43 switches, 2 routers and 2 firewalls
- Support and maintenance of Logistics Base communications systems, including 4 PABX, 720 telephone extensions, 3 base station radios, 2 repeaters, 10 mobile radios, 95 handheld radios and 4 digital microwave devices

Medical

- Operation and maintenance of the Medical Clinic for the Logistics Base

Safety and security

- Provision of security within the facilities of the Logistics Base for its personnel and visitors
- Conduct of 60 security briefings to Logistics Base personnel, contractors and visitors, and training of 40 Logistics Base personnel on occupational safety
- 2 safety meetings with the Italian Air Force
- Investigation of safety and security incidents
- Operation and maintenance of the Logistics Base firefighting capacity

External factors

Suppliers will provide goods and services as contracted

Table 1
Human resources: overall proposed structure of the Logistics Base

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer											
Approved 2006/07	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	**3**	3	—	**6**
Proposed 2007/08	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	**3**	3	—	**6**
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Nations Logistics Base Support Services[a]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	**7**	32	—	**39**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	5	1	4	—	—	**10**	55	—	**65**
Net change	—	—	**2**	**1**	—	—	—	**3**	**23**	—	**26**
Approved temporary positions 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed temporary positions 2007/08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	**6**
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**6**	—	**6**
Subtotal											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	**7**	32	—	**39**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	5	1	4	—	—	**10**	61	—	**71**
Net change	—	—	**2**	**1**	—	—	—	**3**	**29**	—	**32**
Logistics Services[b]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	4	4	7	—	—	**15**	97	—	**112**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	4	1	6	—	—	**11**	78	—	**89**
Net change	—	—	—	**(3)**	**(1)**	—	—	**(4)**	**(19)**	—	**(23)**
Communications and Information Technology Services[c]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	2	9	—	—	**12**	35	—	**47**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	3	2	7	—	—	**12**	35	—	**47**
Net change	—	—	**2**	—	**(2)**	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tenant Units[d]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	4	6	—	—	—	**10**	2	—	**12**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	7	10	2	—	—	**19**	10	—	**29**
Net change	—	—	**3**	**4**	**2**	—	—	**9**	**8**	—	**17**

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Total											
Approved 2006/07	—	1	13	13	20	—	—	**47**	169	—	**216**
Proposed 2007/08	—	1	20	15	19	—	—	**55**	187	—	**242**
Net change	**—**	**—**	**7**	**2**	**(1)**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**18**	**—**	**26**

[a] Proposed human resources include staff of the Office of the Chief Administrative Services, the Finance and Personnel Sections, including the Recruitment and Outreach pilot project, the Procurement and General Services Sections, including the Medical Clinic and the Facilities Management Section.

[b] Proposed human resources include the Office of the Chief Logistics Officer, Logistics Operations, including the Air Operations Office, and the Supply, Transport and Engineering Sections.

[c] Proposed human resources include the Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology, the Network Systems and Systems Support Sections, and the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Asset Management Unit.

[d] Proposed human resources include the Strategic Air Operations Centre, Engineering Design Unit, Geographical Information Systems Centre, Training Delivery Cell and Regional Aviation Safety Office.

18. As shown in table 1 above, the proposed new concept of operations and the new structure of the Base result in a net increase of 8 international staff posts, resulting from the abolishment of 6 posts and the establishment of 14 new posts. All of the abolished international posts relate to the new concept of operations, while 9 of the 14 proposed new international posts relate to the inclusion of the proposed Tenant Units in the new concept.

19. Moreover, the proposed changes result in a net increase of 12 national General Service staff posts. Of the proposed 12 posts, 9 relate to the proposed new concept of operations, while 3 are the result of increased staffing requirements of the Logistics Base in the areas of procurement and transport. In addition, it is proposed to establish 6 temporary positions, funded under general temporary assistance, for the new Recruitment and Outreach Unit pilot project at the Base.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

20. As shown in table 1 above, there is no change in the staffing of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. In addition to the Chief Administrative Officer (D-1), the Office comprises two international staff, a Legal Officer and an Administration Officer at the P-4 and P-3 levels, respectively, and three national staff, including a Liaison Assistant.

21. In the present structure, the Offices of Personnel, Finance, Procurement, and General Services and Security report directly to the Chief Administrative Officer, whereas the Chiefs of the Offices in Technical Support Services report to the Chief Logistics Officer (P-5). In the proposed new structure, the Chiefs of the proposed three services — United Nations Logistics Base Support, Logistics and Communications and Information Technology — and, on administrative issues, the Chiefs of the Tenant Units, would report to the Chief Administrative Officer. Thus, the proposed new structure would enable the Chief Administrative Officer to focus on high-level management issues of the Logistics Base, while the Chiefs of the three services, at the P-5 level, would be responsible for the day-to-day management of their respective areas. This change is aimed at increasing focus on the products delivered and clients served (see para. 10 above).

Table 1.1
Human resources: United Nations Logistics Base Support Services

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer[a]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
Net change	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
Finance Section[b]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3	9	—	12
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3	9	—	12
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Personnel Section[c]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	9	—	11
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	8	—	10
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Approved temporary positions 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed temporary positions 2007/08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Subtotal											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	9	—	11
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	14	—	16
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
Procurement Section[d]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	7	—	9
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	9	—	11
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
General Services Section[e]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	15	—	16
Net change	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	10

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Medical Clinic[f]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	**1**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**(1)**	—	**(1)**
Facilities Management Section[g]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	**1**	12	—	**13**
Net change	—	—	—	**1**	—	—	—	**1**	**12**	—	**13**
Total											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	**7**	32	—	**39**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	5	1	4	—	—	**10**	61	—	**71**
Net change	—	—	**2**	**1**	—	—	—	**3**	**29**	—	**32**

[a] Proposed new office.
[b] The name of the office is changed from Finance Office to Finance Section.
[c] The name of the office is changed from Personnel Office to Personnel Section.
[d] The name of the office is changed from Procurement Office to Procurement Section.
[e] The name of the office is changed from General Services and Security Office to General Services Section.
[f] Proposed to be moved to the General Services Section.
[g] Proposed new office.

Justification

United Nations Logistics Base Support Services

22. The proposed change requires the establishment of a new Office of the Chief Administrative Services, a new Facilities Management Section and the strengthening of the General Services Section. It is proposed that the Procurement Section be strengthened owing to the operational requirements of the Base, and that the Personnel Section be increased by 6 new temporary positions for the proposed Recruitment and Outreach Unit pilot project. There are no changes foreseen for the Medical Clinic, which will be integrated into the General Services Section in the proposed new structure.

Office of Chief Administrative Services

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Administrative Services (P-5) be created in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer [c]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that a General Service staff post (Personnel Assistant) in the present Personnel Office be abolished and created in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer to act as Administrative Assistant [b], and that a new General Service staff post of Administrative Assistant be created in the Office of Chief Administrative Officer [c]**

23. The proposed new Office of Chief Administrative Services would oversee the Personnel, Finance, Procurement, General Services and Facilities Management Sections and consolidate responsibility for cross-cutting support functions of the Logistics Base and the Tenant Units.

24. The proposed Office would be managed by a Chief, Administrative Services (P-5), who under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer, would oversee management of the United Nations Logistics Base Support Services sections, including the preparation, coordination and monitoring of workplans and programmes, advise the Chief Administrative Officer on all aspects of administration of the Base and oversee the management of the $2.4 million per annum logistics support services contract of the Base, which is at present being managed by the Personnel Office.[2] The Chiefs of the Personnel, Procurement, Finance, General Services and Facilities Management Sections would report directly to the Chief, Administrative Services and not to the Chief Administrative Officer (D-1), as in the present organizational structure.

25. The Chief, Administrative Services would be supported by two national General Service staff (Administrative Assistants). In conjunction with the creation of one of the Administrative Assistant posts, it is proposed that a post of Personnel Assistant be abolished in the present Personnel Office. Some of the functions of the Personnel Assistant would be carried over to the proposed post of Administrative Assistant, including the day-to-day management of the logistics support services contract of the Base (attendance verification and invoicing and preparation of management reports on contract usage). In addition, the Administrative Assistant would be responsible for the overall administration of the Office of Chief Administrative Services and for the preparation of reports on performance of the administrative sections reporting directly to the Chief, Administrative Services.

26. The other proposed new national General Service staff post (Administrative Assistant) would provide general administrative support to the Chief, Administrative Services, coordinate weekly meetings of the Logistics Base management council, which is chaired by the Chief and comprises senior representatives of all Tenant Units, prepare briefing materials and agendas for meetings, and prepare the minutes of and track action items from the meetings.

Finance Section *(no change)*

Personnel Section

- **National staff: it is proposed that 6 new temporary positions be created in the personnel section for the Recruitment and Outreach Unit pilot**

[2] The logistics support contract of the Base was established in the 2005/06 financial period to replace the individual contractors who were performing non-core functions in the present Technical Support Services areas, including Logistics, Supply and Warehousing, Engineering, Communications and Information Technology, Transport and Air Operations. The present contract includes services equivalent to 56 contractor staff for 12 months.

project [c], that a General Service staff post (Personnel Assistant) in the present Personnel Office be abolished, and that a post be created in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer for an Administrative Assistant [b]

27. As described in paragraph 17 above, this budget proposal includes a pilot project to test the concept of an off-site Recruitment and Outreach Unit of the Personnel Management and Support Service to check the references of candidates for peacekeeping vacancies. The pilot project, and increased capacity for recruitment for peacekeeping vacancies, stems from a management audit by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the human resources management of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations recommending more robust reference checking of candidates (AP2005/600/18).

28. The proposed Recruitment and Outreach Unit would comprise 6 temporary positions who, under the supervision of the Chief Civilian Personnel Officer (P-4) of the Logistics Base Personnel Section and oversight of the Personnel Management and Support Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, would verify both the educational background and past employment histories of candidates, resulting in some 150 initial clearances of references a day. The functions of the proposed pilot unit would not overlap with those of the Recruitment and Outreach Unit of the Personnel Management and Support Service. The Unit at Headquarters would be responsible, for example, for issues related to Galaxy, collecting and verifying performance appraisals of internal staff members, maintaining templates of prior vacancy announcements to streamline current vacancy postings and scheduling preliminary interviews with candidates.

29. In the context of exploring the possibility of establishing the Unit at the Base, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations evaluated the option of outsourcing the reference checking to commercial companies. In addition to the private sector, the practices of other organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, were also examined. On the basis of that evaluation, the conclusion was drawn that the Logistics Base is the most cost-efficient and effective location and arrangement for the pilot project.

30. In the Logistics Base setting, the foreseen efficiency gains related to the proposed establishment of the Unit at the Base derive mainly from savings in salaries owing to lower General Service salary scales applied at the Logistics Base compared with those at Headquarters, should the project continue after its initial pilot stage. It is foreseen that the proposed Unit will be able to benefit from the existing extensive communications infrastructure of the Logistics Base.

31. In addition to the pilot project, it is proposed that one national General Service staff post, Personnel Assistant, in the present Personnel Office be abolished in conjunction with the creation of a post of Administrative Assistant in the Office of Chief Administrative Services where the responsibilities of the post similarly include the management of the logistics support services contract of the Base. The reason for the move of the post and the management of the contract to the Office of Chief Administrative Services rather than to the Personnel Section is that the logistics support services contract provides for cross-cutting logistics support services that are coordinated by the Office of Chief Administrative Services rather than services related to the administration of personnel.

Procurement Section

- **National staff: it is proposed that 2 General Service staff posts be created in the procurement section [c]**

32. Based on the revised procedures instituted by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in October 2005 for the processing of invoices in peacekeeping operations, the Logistics Base's approved budget for 2006/07 included the redeployment of one national General Service staff post related to invoice processing from the present Procurement Office to the present Finance Office.

33. In its audit of the United Nations Logistics Base for the 2005/06 financial period the Board of Auditors took note of the reduction in the staffing of the Procurement Office in 2005/06 and reiterated the findings of its previous audit, in which it raised the issue of the inadequacy in maintaining the vendor database despite the increasing volume of local procurement. In its audit, the Board reiterated its previous recommendation that the Logistics Base consider the designation of an additional staff member to conduct the periodic review of the roster of vendors in the database.

34. To address the issue of inadequate staffing, and taking into account the increased volume of local procurement, including as a result of the doubling of cargo movement contracts from 23 in 2002/03 to 48 in 2006/07 and delays in maintenance of the Base's vendor roster, it is proposed to expand the staffing of the Procurement Section by two national General Service posts. One General Service staff, Procurement Assistant, would be responsible, under the supervision of the Chief Procurement Officer (P-4), for procurement action, including for an average of 30 training courses and 50 shipments annually. The Procurement Assistant would conduct market surveys, select qualified vendors, prepare bid solicitations, determine bid evaluation criteria, analyse and rank offers received, prepare bid abstracts, draft and recommend the award of contracts/purchase orders and follow-up contracts, and carry out discrepancy resolution and order close-out activities. The Procurement Assistant would also conduct vendor roster functions as required.

35. The other national General Service staff, Vendor Roster Assistant, would manage, under the supervision of the Chief Procurement Officer, the vendor roster database of the Logistics Base comprising some 15,000 suppliers. The Vendor Roster Assistant would be responsible for validating and entering in the roster an average of 20 new suppliers monthly and updating the vendor performance ratings of the procurement contract files based on vendor performance evaluations by the requisitioning officers.

36. Both proposed national General Service staff positions in the Procurement Section are new posts.

General Services Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, General Services Section (P-4) be established [c]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 8 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the General Services Section [a] and that the General Service staff post of Nurse be moved from the present Medical Clinic to the General Services Section [a]**

37. The General Services Section would be responsible for all Logistics Base related general services, such as inventory management; mail, pouch and registry services; electronic archiving and correspondence management systems; security and safety; and the Medical Clinic.

38. The proposed Section would be managed by a Chief, General Services Section (P-4), who would, under the supervision of the Chief, Administrative Services, be responsible for the overall management of the Section. The Chief would be responsible for the control and inventory of more than $160 million worth of Logistics Base assets, including the coding of all Logistics Base assets, oversight of all Local Property Survey Board activities and the processing of claims; management of mail, pouch and registry services; management of security services, including ensuring compliance with safety standards and procedures for all Base activities; maintenance of electronic archiving and correspondence management systems; and oversight of the operation of the Medical Clinic. In conjunction with the proposed establishment of the post of Chief, General Services Section, it is proposed to abolish the post of Chief, Property Control and Inventory Unit (P-3) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office. Some of the functions of the P-3 post would be taken up by the incumbent of the proposed post of Chief, General Services Section.

39. The Chief, General Services Section (P-4) would be supported by 14 General Service staff. Six of the posts are encumbered by the General Service staff of the present General Services and Security Office, and 8 of the General Service posts would be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office. The staff would continue to be responsible, under the supervision of the Chief, General Services Section, for running the day-to-day general services of the Base, including inventory management; mail, pouch and registry services; electronic archiving and correspondence management systems; and security and safety of the Logistics Base.

40. In addition, in the new structure, the post of Nurse (national General Service staff) in the Medical Clinic would be moved from the present separate organizational unit to function under the Chief, General Services Section.

Medical Clinic

- **National staff: it is proposed that the General Service staff post of Nurse be moved from the present Medical Clinic to the General Services Section [a]**

41. In order to consolidate all support services of the Logistics Base under one unit, it is proposed that the post of Nurse in the Medical Clinic be moved from the separate organizational unit, the Medical Clinic, to function under the Chief, General Services Section.

Facilities Management Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Engineer Officer (P-3) in the present Engineering Office be abolished and created in the Facilities Management Section to act as Chief of Section (P-3) [b]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 12 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Engineering Office to the Facilities Management Section [a]**

42. The proposed new Facilities Management Section would be responsible for all aspects of infrastructure management of the Logistics Base. It is proposed that the entire Building Management and Engineering Project Management units and all associated posts, functions and workload of the present structure be moved from the present Engineering Office to the Facilities Management Section.

43. The proposed Section would be managed by a Chief, Facilities Management Section (P-3), who, under the supervision of the Chief, Administrative Services, would be responsible for all building management and engineering projects related to the Logistics Base. The responsibilities of the proposed post of Chief, Facilities Management Section are largely the same as those of the post of Engineer Officer (P-3) proposed in the present Engineering Office to be abolished in conjunction with the creation of the P-3 post in the Facilities Management Section.

44. The Chief would be supported by 12 General Service staff, 3 of which it is proposed be moved from the present Project Management Section and 9 from the Building Maintenance Unit of the present Engineering Office. The staff would be responsible, under the supervision of the Chief, Facilities Management Section, for the day-to-day building management and engineering projects of the Base. Thus, the responsibilities of the 12 General Service staff would remain the same as in the present structure.

Table 1.2
Human resources: Logistics Services

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Office of the Chief Logistics Officer											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	**2**	2	—	**4**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	**1**	2	—	**3**
Net change	—	—	—	**(1)**	—	—	—	**(1)**	—	—	**(1)**
Supply and Warehousing Office[a]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	**5**	39	—	**44**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**—**	—	—	**—**
Net change	—	—	**(1)**	**(2)**	**(2)**	—	—	**(5)**	**(39)**	—	**(44)**

	International staff								National staff	United Nations Volunteers	Total
	USG-ASG	D-2-D-1	P-5-P-4	P-3-P-1	Field Service	General Service	Security Service	Subtotal			
Logistics Operations Section[b]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3	22	—	25
Net change	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3	22	—	25
Supply Section[c]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	12	—	14
Net change	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	12	—	14
Transport Section[d]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	4	19	—	23
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3	20	—	23
Net change	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)	1	—	—
Engineering Section[e]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	34	—	37
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	22	—	24
Net change	—	—	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)	(12)	—	(13)
Air Operations Office[f]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	4
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net change	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)	(3)	—	(4)
Total											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	4	4	7	—	—	15	97	—	112
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	4	1	6	—	—	11	78	—	89
Net change	—	—	—	(3)	(1)	—	—	(4)	(19)	—	(23)

[a] Proposed to be abolished.
[b] Proposed new office.
[c] Proposed new office.
[d] The name of the office is changed from Transport Office to Transport Section.
[e] The name of the office is changed from Engineering Office to Engineering Section.
[f] Proposed to be moved under the Logistics Operations Section.

Justification

Logistics Services

45. As noted in paragraph 13 above, the proposed new Logistics Services would focus on logistics support of missions and Headquarters clients. The proposed Services would restructure elements of the present Technical Support Services; the proposed Logistics Services would continue to include an Office of the Chief

Logistics Officer, a reorganized Transport Section and an Engineering Section relieved of functions related to facilities management that would be moved to Support Services. The proposed establishment of the Logistics Services would, furthermore, imply abolishment of the present Supply and Warehousing Office. As described above, some of the posts would be moved or abolished in conjunction with the creation of new posts in the General Services Section, and the remaining posts would be moved or abolished in connection with the proposed creation of two new sections, namely the Logistics Operations and Supply Sections.

Office of the Chief Logistics Officer

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Logistics Officer (P-3) in the Office of the Chief Logistics Officer be abolished, resulting in the move of some of the functions of the post to existing posts [b]**

46. It is proposed that the post of Logistics Officer (P-3) in the Office of the Chief Logistics Officer be abolished. The abolishment of the post has been enabled by the restructuring of the present Technical Support Services. In the proposed structure, some of the functions of the abolished post of Logistics Officer, including responsibility for the preparation of management reports and monitoring the performance of the Sections under the Logistics Services, would be moved to the Chiefs of Section, that is the Chiefs of the Logistics Operations, Supply, Transport and Engineering Sections of the new Logistics Services.

Supply and Warehousing Office

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Supply and Warehousing Office (P-4) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office be abolished and created in the Logistics Operations Section to act as Chief of Section (P-4) [b], that the post of Chief, Supply Unit (P-3) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office be abolished and created in the Supply Section to act as Supply Officer (P-3) [b], that the post of Chief, Property Control and Inventory Unit (P-3) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office be abolished, resulting in the move of some of the functions of the post to a new proposed post in the General Services Section [b], that the Field Service post of Chief, Receipt and Inspection Unit be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a] and that the Field Service post of Supply Assistant be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Supply Section [a]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 8 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the General Services Section [a], that 19 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a], and that 12 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Supply Section [a]**

47. The establishment of the Logistics Services would result in the abolishment of the present Supply and Warehousing Office and, as described above, some of the posts would be moved to or abolished in conjunction with the creation of new posts in the General Services Section. The remaining posts would be moved or abolished

in conjunction with the creation of new posts in the Logistics Operations and Supply Sections, respectively.

Logistics Operations Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Supply and Warehousing Office (P-4) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office be abolished and created in the logistics operations section to act as Chief, Logistics Operations Section (P-4) [b], that the Field Service post of Chief, Receipt and Inspection Unit be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a], and that the Field Service post of Chief, Air Operations Officer be moved from the present Air Operations Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 19 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a], and that 3 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Air Operations Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a]**

48. The proposed new Logistics Operations Section would be responsible for all material movement (air, land, sea and rail) of some 7,400 tons annually for peacekeeping operations, including strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipments.

49. The proposed Section would be headed by a Chief, Logistics Operations Section (P-4), who would manage all the logistics support requirements of the Base to peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients. The Chief would be responsible for the overall coordination of delivery of all logistics services, supervise receiving and inspection activity, be responsible for enforcing safe and efficient practices in the loading and unloading of incoming and outgoing cargo, and coordinate control of cargo on the ground. In conjunction with the proposed establishment of the post of Chief, Logistics Operations Section, a post of Chief, Supply and Warehousing Office (P-4) is proposed to be abolished in the present Supply and Warehousing Office. Some of the functions of the two posts are the same.

50. The Logistics Operations Section would also include two Field Service posts. It is proposed that one post, Chief, Receipt and Inspection Unit, be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Logistics Operations Section. The incumbent of the proposed new post of Chief, Receipt and Inspection Unit would be responsible, under the supervision of the Chief, Logistics Operations Section, for the day-to-day management of the receiving and inspection activity of all cargo movement of the Logistics Base, including that related to strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks and Department of Peacekeeping Operations trans-shipments. The other Field Service post that it is proposed be moved to the Logistics Operations Section is the post of Chief, Air Operations Officer. The responsibilities of the posts remain the same as in the present structure.

51. The Chief, Logistics Operations Section would be supported by 22 General Service staff: 19 of the General Service posts would be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office. The incumbents would be responsible for running the day-to-day logistics operations of the Base, including receiving, inspecting, loading and unloading incoming and outgoing cargo and managing cargo on the

ground. The responsibilities of the 19 General Service staff would remain the same as in the present structure. This is also the case for the 3 General Service staff, who would be moved from the present Air Operations Office to the Logistics Operations Section.

Supply Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Supply Unit (P-3) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office be abolished and created in the Supply Section to act as Supply Officer (P-3) [b], and that a Field Service post of Supply Assistant be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Supply Section [a]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 12 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the Supply Section [a]**

52. The proposed new Supply Section would be responsible for warehousing and maintenance, including the storage and maintenance of strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks. The Supply Section would be the result of a move of all associated posts, functions and workload related to warehousing and maintenance of stocks from the present Supply and Warehousing Office to the proposed new Supply Section.

53. The proposed Supply Section would be managed by a Supply Officer (P-3), who would be responsible for the overall management and coordination of warehousing of all stocks and the management of maintenance of strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks, respectively. In conjunction with the creation of the post of Supply Officer, it is proposed to abolish the post of Chief, Supply Unit (P-3) in the present Supply and Warehousing Office, since the responsibilities of the post are largely the same.

54. The Supply Section would also include one Field Service post, Supply Assistant, and 12 General Service staff posts. The responsibilities of the posts would remain the same as they are for the respective posts in the present Supply and Warehousing Office. The staff would be responsible for day-to-day tasks related to warehousing and maintenance of stocks, for example, storage and maintenance to warranty standards of strategic deployment stocks equipment, including generators, prefabricated buildings and related equipment.

Transport Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the Field Service post of Transport Officer in the present Transport Office be abolished [d]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that a General Service staff post of Vehicle Workshop Dispatcher be created in the Transport Section [c]**

55. The functions and responsibilities of the present Transport Office would remain to a large extent the same as in the proposed new structure and its Transport Section, which would continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the strategic deployment stocks, United Nations reserve stocks and the fleet of the Logistics Base.

56. It is proposed to abolish one Field Service post, Transport Officer, in the present Transport Office. The abolishment of the post would be enabled mainly

through redistribution of the workload among the three remaining international staff and also via the more efficient use of systems contracts to perform selected maintenance functions. This abolishment would yield an efficiency gain in the 2007/08 financial period, as described in paragraph 97 below.

57. It is proposed to increase the staff of the Transport Section by one General Service national staff post, Vehicle Workshop Dispatcher. The new post is proposed not as a result of the new structure, but owing to increased requirements for transport dispatch, in particular to support the increased transportation requirements of the Training Delivery Cell resulting from increasing training activity in the Base. The Dispatcher would be responsible, under the supervision of the Chief, Transport Section, for the preparation and follow-up of work orders, the work schedule of the vehicle workshop and reports on accidents, speeding and fuel consumption. The Dispatcher would also carry out accounting of oil consumption at the Logistics Base.

Engineering Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Engineer Officer (P-3) in the present Engineering Office be abolished and created in the Facilities Management Section to act as Chief of the Section (P-3) [b]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 12 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Engineering Office to the Facilities Management Section [a]**

58. It is proposed that the entire Building Management and Engineering Project Management Units, all associated 12 General Service staff posts, their functions and the workload of the present structure be moved from the present Engineering Office to the proposed Facilities Management Section. The functions of the proposed post of Chief, Facilities Management Section (P-3) remain largely the same as those of the Engineer Officer (P-3) post that it is proposed be abolished in the present Engineering Office in conjunction with the establishment of the new Facilities Management Section.

Air Operation Office

- **International staff: it is proposed that the Field Service post of Chief, Air Operations Office be moved from the present Air Operations Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 3 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Air Operations Office to the Logistics Operations Section [a]**

59. It is proposed that the present Air Operations Office be moved in its entirety to combine movement control and air operations in the Logistics Operation Section to provide synergy in activities involving the handling, consolidation and movement of cargo. It is proposed that all of the present posts, with the responsibilities of the posts remaining the same, be moved to the Logistics Operation Section.

Table 1.3
Human resources: Communications and Information Technology Services

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology[a]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	2	9	—	—	**12**	35	—	**47**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	**1**	2	—	**3**
Net change	—	—	—	**(2)**	**(9)**	—	—	**(11)**	**(33)**	—	**(44)**
Network Systems Section[b]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	1	6	—	—	**8**	7	—	**15**
Net change	—	—	**1**	**1**	**6**	—	—	**8**	**7**	—	**15**
Systems Support Section[c]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	**2**	3	—	**5**
Net change	—	—	**1**	**1**	—	—	—	**2**	**3**	—	**5**
Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit[d]											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	**1**	23	—	**24**
Net change	—	—	—	—	**1**	—	—	**1**	**23**	—	**24**
Total											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	1	2	9	—	—	**12**	35	—	**47**
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	3	2	7	—	—	**12**	35	—	**47**
Net change	—	—	**2**	—	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—

[a] The name of the office is changed from the Communications and Information Technology Office to Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology.
[b] Proposed new office.
[c] Proposed new office.
[d] Proposed new office.

Justification

Communications and Information Technology Services

60. As noted in paragraph 14 above, in the proposed new structure the Communications and Information Technology Services would continue to provide services to peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients. The proposed Services would comprise the Office of the Chief Communications and Information

Technology, the Network Systems Section, the Systems Support Section and the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit. The proposed new structure requires the reconfiguration of the present Communications and Information Technology Office and the establishment of three new units under the Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology, which would realign the organizational units with products delivered and clients served. Owing to the increased demands of peacekeeping for communications and information technology, owing partly to a surge in peacekeeping missions and the increased complexity of the systems, along with the proposed establishment of the new structure, it is proposed to upgrade the post of Chief Communications and Information Technology Services and establish two new international staff posts.

Office of Chief Communications and Information Technology

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief Communications and Information Technology Services (P-4) reclassified to the P-5 level with the same title [e], that the post of Chief, Information Technology Unit (P-3) be abolished in the present Communications and Information Technology Office, which would result in the move of some of the functions of the post to a proposed new post in the Network Systems Section [b], that the post of Information Systems Officer (P-3) be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section [a], that 6 Field Service posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section [a], that the Field Service post of Network Control Centre Supervisor be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit [a], and that 2 Field Service posts, 1 of Chief, Communications Unit and 1 of Information Technology Coordinator in the present Communications and Information Technology Office be abolished, which would result in the move of some of the functions of the post to proposed new posts in the Systems Support Section [b]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 33 General Service staff posts be moved from the Communications and Information Technology Office, 7 of which would move to the Network Systems Section, 3 to the Systems Support Section and 23 to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Asset Management Unit [a]**

61. The proposed new Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology would be responsible for the management and coordination of all communications and information technology support services delivered by the Logistics Base to peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients, including the operation and maintenance of the Base's information and communications technology infrastructures for the provisioning of voice, data and video services, management of the disaster recovery data backup operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and management and maintenance of the strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks of communications and information technology items.

62. The proposed Office would be managed by the Chief Communications and Information Technology Services (P-5), who would oversee the management of the Network Systems Section, the Systems Support Section and the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit, including the preparation, coordination and monitoring of workplans and programmes. The proposed position would involve the upgrade of the current post of Chief Communications and Information Technology Services in the present Communications and Information Technology Office from the P-4 to the P-5 level, owing to increased responsibilities.

63. The Chief Communications and Information Technology Services would be supported by 2 General Service staff who are included in the present structure under the present Communications and Information Technology Office. It is proposed that the remaining 33 General Service posts in the present Communications and Information Technology Office be moved to the three other proposed new units — 7 posts to the Network Systems Section, 3 to the Systems Support Section and 23 to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Asset Management Unit — and keep the functions of the posts as they are at the present.

64. Except for the P-5 posts of Chief Communications and Information Technology Services and the 2 General Service staff, no other posts in the present Communications and Information Technology Office would move to the proposed Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology.

65. It is proposed that the post of Chief, Information Technology Unit (P-3) and two Field Service posts, Chief, Communications Unit and Information Technology Coordinator, be abolished. Those three posts have become obsolete as a result of the proposed new structure and the reorganization of the Communications and Information Technology Services. However, some of the functions of the Chief, Information Technology Unit would be taken over by the incumbent of the proposed new post of Chief, Networks Systems Section (P-4), and some of the functions of the two Field Service posts would be moved to the two international staff posts that it is proposed be established in the Systems Support Section. It is proposed that the remaining seven Field Service posts in the present Communications and Information Technology Office be moved within the Communications and Information Technology Services as follows: 6 posts would be moved to the Network Systems Section and 1 post would be moved to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit.

Network Systems Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Networks Systems Section (P-4) be created in the Section [c], that the post of Information Systems Officer (P-3) be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section [a] and that 6 Field Service posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section [a]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 7 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section [a]**

66. The proposed new Network Systems Section would be responsible for the management of all information and communications technology network systems support services, infrastructure and systems at the Logistics Base, including the implementation and maintenance of the disaster recovery and business continuity infrastructure of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

67. The proposed Office would be headed by the Chief, Network Systems Section (P-4), who, under the supervision of the Chief, Communications and Information Technology Services, would manage and coordinate the overall operation of the Network Systems Section, which would be responsible for network systems support services, infrastructure and systems, including the disaster recovery and business continuity infrastructure for peacekeeping missions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. In conjunction with the proposed establishment of the post of Chief, Network Systems Section, it is proposed that the post of Chief, Information Technology Unit (P-3) in the present Communications and Information Technology Office be abolished. Some of the functions of the Chief, Information Technology Unit (P-3) would be taken up by the incumbent of the proposed new post of Chief, Network Systems Section.

68. In addition to the post of Chief of Section, the proposed Network Systems Section would have 1 Information Systems Officer post (P-3). The Information Systems Officer would be responsible for operation and maintenance of information and communication technology network systems support services, infrastructure and systems. The functions of the post would remain the same as in the present structure. It is proposed that the post of Information Systems Officer (P-3) be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office.

69. In addition, it is proposed that 6 Field Service posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section, keeping the functions of the posts the same as in the present structure. The functions of the 7 General Service staff posts that it is proposed be moved from the Communications and Information Technology Office to the Network Systems Section would also remain the same.

Systems Support Section

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Systems Support Section (P-4) be created in the Systems Support Section [c] and that the post of Information Security Officer (P-3) be created in the Systems Support Section [c]**

- **National staff: it is proposed that 3 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Systems Support Section [a]**

70. The proposed new Systems Support Section would be responsible for the management and oversight of the information technology applications support and development activities of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations that are performed at the Logistics Base. Additionally, the Section would be responsible for

the management of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations global help desk at the Base and for data quality control/assurance at the Logistics Base.

71. The proposed section would be managed by a Chief, Systems Support Section (P-4) who, under the supervision of the Chief, Communications and Information Technology Services, would oversee the implementation of major information technology systems projects and the deployment of software systems at the Base, act as the applications support focal point for Headquarters, oversee the global help desk activities and manage the planning and implementation of the information security management systems and information technology quality assurance programmes at the Base. In the present structure, some of the tasks of the proposed Chief, Systems Support Section are being carried out by the Chief, Communications Unit (Field Service staff) of the present Communications and Information Technology Office, which it is proposed be abolished.

72. The Chief would be supported by an Information Security Officer (P-3), who would be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the information security management system, the development and implementation of new information and communications systems, the development of an information security strategy for the Base, assessment of electronic threats in order to identify risks to the information assets and development and delivery of information security awareness training to staff at the Logistics Base. In the present structure, some of the tasks of the proposed Information Security Officer post (P-3) are being carried out by the Information Technology Coordinator (Field Service staff) of the present Communications and Information Technology Office, which it is proposed be abolished.

73. Moreover, the Systems Support Section would comprise 3 General Service staff posts that are proposed to be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Systems Support Section to perform the same functions as in the present structure.

Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit

- **International staff: it is proposed that the Field Service post of Network Control Centre Supervisor be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit [a]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 23 General Service staff posts be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Assets Management Unit [a]**

74. The proposed new Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Asset Management Unit would be responsible for integrating and maintaining communications and information technology systems, including for strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks equipment, as well as the operation and maintenance of the campus communications and information technology systems of the Logistics Base.

75. The proposed Unit would be managed by a Network Control Centre Supervisor who, under the supervision of the Chief, Communications and Information Technology Services, would manage and coordinate the overall operation of the

Unit. The post would be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office, keeping the functions of the post the same as in the present structure.

76. The Network Control Centre Supervisor would be supported by 23 General Service staff, who it is proposed be moved from the present Communications and Information Technology Office to the Integrated Maintenance, Campus Support and Asset Management Unit to perform the same functions as in the present structure.

Table 1.4
Human resources: Strategic Air Operations Centre

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Strategic Air Operations Centre											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	4	1	—	5
Net change	—	—	**1**	**2**	**1**	—	—	**4**	**1**	—	**5**

Justification

Tenant Unit — Strategic Air Operations Centre

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Strategic Air Operations Centre (P-4) be created [c], that 2 posts of Aviation Operations Officer (P-3) be created in the Centre [c], and that the Field Service post of Air Operations Assistant be created in the Centre [c]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that a General Service staff post be created in the Centre [c]**

77. In paragraph 178 of its audit of the United Nations Logistics Base for the year ended 30 June 2005,[3] the Board of Auditors reported that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations had agreed with its recommendation that the Department expedite the aircraft tracking system feasibility assessment and implement the tracking system at all missions.[4] In paragraphs 177 and 179 of the same report, the Board took note of the plan of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to propose the establishment of an air tracking facility at the Logistics Base, which has been included in this budget proposal.

78. As explained by the Secretary-General in his report on the use of the United Nations Logistics Base to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients (A/60/715), the proposed Centre would include a global flight following system of the Department of Peacekeeping

[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/60/5 (vol. II)), chap. II.

[4] Assessments of the establishment of a tracking system have been carried out, for example, at the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, but plans for such mission specific systems have been abandoned owing mainly to high start-up and operating costs of a tracking system, as noted in paragraph 177 of the aforementioned report of the Board of Auditors.

Operations air fleet to enhance the management of all peacekeeping air assets as well as to contribute to improved air safety. The Strategic Air Operations Centre would undertake strategic oversight of all intramission flights of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including supporting special flights, and analyse the aircraft usage reports of all peacekeeping operations to ensure efficient fleet management, contract performance and compliance with the United Nations charter agreements. The Centre would thus contribute to increased regional management of air assets and further coordination between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and relevant United Nations departments and entities, with a view to sharing air assets, as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 4, section XI, of its resolution 60/266.

79. The proposed Strategic Air Operations Centre would work in close cooperation with day-to-day air operations offices in the peacekeeping missions, air operations staff at the Logistics Base and with the Regional Aviation Safety Office located at the Base. The proposed Centre would, however, be under the operational control of the Air Transport Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

80. The Chief, Strategic Air Operations Centre, under the supervision of the Air Transport Section, would be responsible for the overall management of the Centre. The Chief would coordinate daily air support requirements ensuring that airframes are selected and allocated to achieve maximum cost effectiveness, and special flights, including integrated search and rescue air operations. The Chief would also be responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of aviation standard operating procedures in compliance with the Air Operations Manual, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association, the Civil Aviation standards of the host country and the practices, procedures and regulations in all peacekeeping missions.

81. The Chief, Strategic Air Operations Centre would be supported by 2 Aviation Operations Officers (P-3). Under the direct supervision of the Chief, the two Officers would review and plan daily air support requirements, clear all operational and logistical intramission flight requests from peacekeeping missions and Headquarters, and clear all special mission and VIP flight requests and manifests. The Aviation Operations Officers would also be responsible for the preparation of flight schedules and air task orders for intramission flights. On request, the Officers would also assist in obtaining diplomatic clearances, routing, flight plans and weather information for flights outside mission areas.

82. In turn, the proposed Field Service post, Air Operations Assistant, would be responsible for day-to-day flight following activities, including intramission flight planning (the publication, coordination and scheduling of air transportation in accordance with the Air Operations Manual, standard operating procedures and local area procedures).

83. In addition to the proposed three international staff posts, it is proposed that one General Service post, Aviation Assistant, be created in the Strategic Air Operations Centre. Under the overall direction and supervision of the Chief of the Strategic Air Operations Centre, the Aviation Assistant would be responsible for providing administrative support to the Centre, including in contract management (maintaining records of all aviation contracts). The Assistant would also assist in the execution of flight planning and operations and meteorological reporting and would provide assistance in preparation of aviation fleet usage reports.

Table 1.5
Human resources: Engineering Design Unit

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Engineering Design Unit											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	4
Net change	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	4

Tenant Unit — Engineering Design Unit

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, Engineering Design Unit (P-4) be created [c], and that the post of Design Engineer (P-3) be created [c]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 2 General Service posts be created in the Engineering Design Unit [c]**

84. Among the functions that were proposed by the Secretary-General for establishment at the Logistics Base in 2007/08 include an Engineering Design Unit, as initially explained in paragraph 7 of his report (see A/60/715), to provide engineering planning and design services for all peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients. The proposed Unit would provide design templates/standard designs and a web-based engineering design library for peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients, enabling the use of existing designs and associated statements of work and bills of quantities to be extracted and adjusted to suit requirements of a specific peacekeeping mission. The functions of the proposed Unit do not overlap with those of the Engineering Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The 12 Professional and 3 General Service staff located at Headquarters focus on, for example, the management of systems contracts, strategic deployment stocks and asset management, audit issues and setting up policies. The engineering units in peacekeeping missions, in turn, concentrate on the provision of practical engineering services in situ.

85. The design templates and standard designs to be produced by the proposed Unit would translate into the standardization of materials that could be covered by new system contracts or used to improve existing ones. This would facilitate the timely procurement and installation of equipment in the missions, leading to efficiencies in the operations. Efficiencies are foreseen, for example, in the provision of hard wall accommodation for troops. The availability of a template design with associated statements of work and bill of quantities for a camp for 800 persons could reduce the move-in time of troops by some two months. For a camp of that size, this would lead to savings of some two months worth of self-sustainment payments for hard wall accommodation reimbursements totalling $62,000, excluding mission factors. Carried across several contingents and missions, the savings would be substantial. From the 2008/09 financial period onwards, once the Engineering Design Unit becomes fully operational and has produced design templates, bills of materials and associated products, efficiencies are foreseen also in the staffing of the engineering sections of the peacekeeping

missions. The reductions in posts would be reflected in the future budgets of peacekeeping missions.

86. The Central Design Unit would be managed by the Chief, Engineering Design Unit (P-4) who would be responsible for the design of standardized engineering projects — meeting standard codes of practice for structural integrity, safety, and environmental considerations — for example, for office and living accommodation, warehouses, aircraft aprons and helicopter landing sites, incinerators, security requirements, water supply and septic systems for peacekeeping missions. The Chief would also manage the establishment and maintenance of the web-based engineering design library and liaise with and visit field missions to support the design of major engineering projects.

87. In turn, the Design Engineer (P-3) would prepare template designs of standard engineering projects as a basis on which missions could adjust to meet local conditions; prepare template standardized statements of work for project designs; prepare bills of quantities associated with template designs and other design projects; prepare tender documentation and drawings associated with all standardized design projects; review previous designs based on mission reports and amend and adjust as necessary; and prepare standard specifications and requirements for frequently requisitioned engineering materials and equipment, particularly locally supplied materials, such as concrete, asphalt/bitumen, bricks and blocks, and local building products, such as timber, electrical and plumbing materials. The Design Engineer would also be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the web-based library of standard designs, statements of work, specifications, bills of quantities, tender documentation and drawings.

88. In addition to the two proposed international staff posts, it is proposed to include 2 national General Service posts in the Engineering Design Unit. One post, that of Draftsman, would be responsible, under the direct supervision of the Chief, Engineering Design Unit, for the preparation of engineering drawings for specific engineering construction works, assist in the preparation of bills of materials, work schedules, outlines and layouts, and support data entry into the library of standard designs. The other General Service post, Engineering Assistant, would be responsible for the administrative support of the Centre, but would also assist in other activities, for example, the Engineering Assistant would prepare reports based on the library of standard designs for the clients of the Unit.

Table 1.6
Human resources: Geographical Information System Centre

	International staff										
	USG-ASG	*D-2-D-1*	*P-5-P-4*	*P-3-P-1*	*Field Service*	*General Service*	*Security Service*	***Subtotal***	*National staff*	*United Nations Volunteers*	***Total***
Geographical Information System Centre											
Approved 2006/07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed 2007/08	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	5	—	8
Net change	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	5	—	8

Tenant Unit — Geographical Information System (GIS) Centre

- **International staff: it is proposed that the post of Chief, GIS Centre (P-4) be created [c], that the post of Geographical Information System Officer (P-3) be created in the Centre [c], and that the Field Service post of GIS System Administrator be created in the Centre [c]**
- **National staff: it is proposed that 5 General Service staff posts be created in the Centre [c]**

89. The Geographical Information System Centre initiative, the aim of which is to provide geographical information services for all peacekeeping missions and Headquarters clients, was initially described by the Secretary-General in his report (see A/60/715, para. 9). The present budget proposes a Centre that would establish a global Geographical Information System capacity, particularly in support of rapid mission start-up and improvement of the operational readiness of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations/mission. In particular, the Centre would acquire and produce base geo-data for the missions and mission planning and maintain a repository of such data. The Centre would also be responsible for the deployment of a Geographical Information System team to provide on-site assistance, particularly during mission start-ups. The functions of the proposed Centre do not overlap with those of the Cartographic Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. For example, the 6 Professional and 2 General Service staff located at Headquarters prepare and update cartographic products for reports and publications, provide cartographic services to the Security Council and develop concepts of operations, functional requirements, standard operating procedures and logistics plans for GIS Unit in the missions. The GIS Units in the peacekeeping missions, in turn, concentrate on the provision of day-to-day services in situ.

90. The Chief, GIS Centre (P-4), under the supervision of the Cartographic Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, would be responsible for the overall management of the Centre. The Chief would manage the production of the base geo-data and oversee the provision of geospatial analyses, maps and satellite imagery for both peacekeeping missions and Headquarters. The Chief would also oversee the provision of GIS application services, such as Internet/Intranet map service, and be responsible for the deployment of a GIS start-up team to provide on-site assistance to mission GIS Units during start-up.

91. The Chief would be supported by a GIS Officer (P-3) who, under the supervision of the Chief, GIS Centre, would be responsible for all technical aspects of the production of base geo-data for missions, including topographic base maps, production of on-demand geospatial and terrain analyses, and the production of planning and operational maps, particularly for mission planning and start-up phases. In addition, the GIS Officer would conduct technical training on GIS, including on remote sensing, global positioning systems and mapping, for mission and Headquarters personnel.

92. The proposed Field Service post, GIS System Administrator, would operate and maintain all GIS equipment, including the GIS servers in the Centre, maintain the geo-data repository of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including backup/replica of geo-databases of missions and the Cartographic Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and provide GIS application services, including web mapping, Internet/Intranet map service, and Earth Viewer for

peacekeeping mission and Headquarters users. The GIS System Administrator would also provide logistics and requisitions support, particularly for start-up missions.

93. In addition, it is recommended that the proposed Geographical Information System Centre be staffed with 5 national General Service posts. Three of them, GIS Assistants, under the supervision of the GIS Officer, would be responsible for providing support for the production of base geo-data, the provision of on-demand geospatial analysis and the conduct of GIS training. The remaining 2 General Service staff, GIS System Assistants, under the supervision of the GIS System Administrator, would be responsible for supporting the operation and maintenance of all GIS equipment, the maintenance of the geo-database repository and the provision of GIS application services.

II. Resources requirements

A. Overall

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.)

Category	*Expenditures (2005/06)* (1)	*Apportionment (2006/07)* (2)	*Cost estimates (2007/08)* (3)	*Variance* Amount (4)=(3)-(2)	*Variance* Percentage (5)=(4)÷(2)
Military and police personnel					
Military observers	—	—	—	—	—
Military contingents	—	—	—	—	—
Civilian police	—	—	—	—	—
Formed police units	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Civilian personnel					
International staff	4 800.9	6 602.9	6 927.0	324.1	4.9
National staff	7 130.1	10 777.3	11 392.6	615.3	5.7
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**11 931.0**	**17 380.2**	**18 319.6**	**939.4**	**5.4**
Operational costs					
General temporary assistance	96.7	97.5	321.9	224.4	230.2
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants	219.2	420.0	532.7	112.7	26.8
Official travel	228.4	197.0	628.0	431.0	218.8
Facilities and infrastructure	4 107.4	4 870.3	5 698.5	828.2	17.0
Ground transportation	1 522.0	719.4	945.5	226.1	31.4
Air transportation	—	—	—	—	—
Naval transportation	—	—	—	—	—
Communications	4 222.1	4 243.8	4 887.6	643.8	15.2
Information technology	3 636.3	4 006.9	5 275.4	1 268.5	31.7
Medical	255.2	445.0	377.0	(68.0)	(15.3)
Special equipment	—	—	—	—	—
Other supplies, services and equipment	1 309.1	3 098.6	3 697.4	598.8	19.3
Quick-impact projects	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**15 596.4**	**18 098.5**	**22 364.0**	**4 265.5**	**23.6**
Gross requirements	**27 527.4**	**35 478.7**	**40 683.6**	**5 204.9**	**14.7**
Staff assessment income	1 849.1	2 535.2	2 689.9	154.7	6.1
Net requirements	**25 678.3**	**32 943.5**	**37 993.7**	**5 050.2**	**15.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	**27 527.4**	**35 478.7**	**40 683.6**	**5 204.9**	**14.7**

Average delayed deployment factor, turnover factor and vacancy rates

(Percentage)

Category	*2006/07*	*2007/08*
Civilian personnel		
International staff[a]	5	7
National staff[a]	2	5
Temporary positions	—	50

[a] Exclusive of vacancy rate for all proposed new posts. The cost estimates for the new posts in 2007/08 are inclusive of a 50 per cent vacancy rate.

B. Non-budgeted contributions

94. The estimated value of non-budgeted contributions for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 is as follows:

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Estimated value*
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)[a]	2 070.7
Total	**2 070.7**

[a] Inclusive of office buildings and workshop and warehouse structures provided by the Government of Italy.

C. Training

95. The estimated requirements for training for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 are as follows:

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Estimated amount*
Consultants	
Training consultants	305.2
Official travel	
Official travel, training	74.1
Other supplies, services and equipment	
Training fees, supplies and services	58.0
Total	**437.3**

96. The training of the Logistics Base personnel is focused on technical aspects specific to the tasks of the Logistics Base, in particular in the field of stocks management, communications hub and information technology network operations, and the management and administration of the Logistics Base. The training courses proposed for 2007/08 include an extensive procurement training programme for staff of the Logistics Base.

III. Analysis of variances[5]

Reference

The present section describes the single largest contributing factor of each resource variance according to specific standard options encompassed in the four standard categories listed below:

Mandate: variances caused by changes in the scale or scope of the mandate, or changes in the expected accomplishments as driven by the mandate;

External: variances caused by parties or situations external to the United Nations;

Cost parameters: variances caused by United Nations regulations, rules and policies;

Management: variances caused by management actions to achieve planned results more effectively (e.g., by reprioritizing or adding certain outputs) or efficiently (e.g., by taking measures to reduce personnel or operational inputs while maintaining the same level of outputs) and/or from performance-related issues (e.g., by having underestimated the costs or quantities of inputs required to produce a certain level of outputs, or by delayed recruitment).

	Variance	
International staff	$324.1	4.9%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

97. The increased requirements are due mainly to the proposed establishment of the Strategic Air Operations Centre, Engineering Design Unit and Geographical Information System Centre at the Logistics Base. The provisions reflect a vacancy rate of 50 per cent for all proposed new posts, whereas a vacancy rate of 7 per cent is applied for all other international staff posts. The cost estimates for 2006/07 were inclusive of a 5 per cent vacancy rate. For 2007/08, the provision for common staff costs includes an amount corresponding to 8 per cent of net salaries to meet the requirements for the Organization's unfunded liability arising from the after-service health insurance scheme. The increased requirements are partly offset by the abolishment of 1 Field Service post, Transport Officer, in the proposed Transport Section. This abolishment is enabled mainly by a redistribution of the workload among the international staff of the Section, resulting in an efficiency gain of some $120,000 in the 2007/08 financial period.

[5] Resource variance amounts are expressed in thousands of United States dollars. Analysis is provided for variances of at least plus or minus 5 per cent or $100,000.

	Variance	
National staff	$615.3	5.7%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

98. The increased requirements are due mainly to the 12 new national General Service staff posts related to the proposed establishment of the Strategic Air Operations Centre, Engineering Design Unit and Geographical Information System Centre at the Logistics Base as well as increased requirements in the Procurement and Transport Sections and the proposed new Office of the Chief Administrative Services. For all proposed new posts, the provisions reflect a vacancy rate of 50 per cent, whereas a vacancy rate of 5 per cent is applied for all other national General Service staff posts. The cost estimates for 2006/07 were inclusive of a 2 per cent vacancy rate.

	Variance	
General temporary assistance	$224.4	230.2%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

99. The increased requirements are due mainly to the proposed six new temporary positions, funded under general temporary assistance, related to the proposed establishment of the Recruitment and Outreach Unit pilot project of the Personnel Management and Support Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations at the Logistics Base.

	Variance	
Consultants	$112.7	26.8%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

100. The increased requirements are due mainly to the need to develop a comprehensive plan for the maintenance and renovation of the Logistics Base facilities, including a regime for the maintenance of warehouses, workshops and technical buildings, and office buildings. The increased requirements also include increased needs for training consultants, in particular for an extensive procurement training programme for staff of the Base.

	Variance	
Official travel	$431.0	218.8%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

101. The increased requirements are due mainly to the operational requirements of the Training Delivery Cell. The travel requirements of the Cell, including recognition visits to national and regional peacekeeping training centres and travel for national experts, were met through the support account budget for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (see A/60/727), and no provisions were included into the budget proposal of the Logistics Base.

	Variance	
Facilities and infrastructure	$828.2	17.0%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

102. The increased requirements under construction services are due mainly to the proposed upgrade of the satellite farm which houses communications equipment worth approximately $3.6 million. The upgrade is to replace an improvised camp of 18 used accommodation containers hosting the farm with a 600 m^2 building designed to accommodate a satellite centre and corresponding equipment. The increased requirements also reflect, under alteration and renovation services, scheduled maintenance of the facilities of the Logistics Base, including replacement flooring, waterproofing and electrical systems, to meet safety and security standards. The increased requirements also include the acquisition of generators to serve as backup for the Base's Disaster Recovery Centre.

103. The increased requirements are partly offset by reduced requirements for security services as a result of the closing down of the San Pancrazio depot and efficiency gains sought in leasing arrangements of office equipment. In 2007/08, the Base is planning to pilot an arrangement in which 9 photocopiers that are approaching the end of their useful life will be leased instead of replaced. Leasing the equipment, instead of replacing it, will result in approximately $800 per year in savings on low-volume machines and $350 per year in savings for high-volume machines. The total savings will increase as the Logistics Base continues to replace old copiers as they reach the end of their useful life with leased copiers. The total savings over a 5-year period are estimated at $22,700.

	Variance	
Ground transportation	$226.1	31.4%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

104. The increased requirements are due mainly to the replacement of material handling equipment of the vehicle fleet of the Logistics Base, in accordance with the standard replacement policy of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The increased requirements also include the acquisition of three light vehicles for the use of the proposed new Tenant Units of the Logistics Base.

	Variance	
Communications	$643.8	15.2%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

105. The increased requirements are due mainly to the increase in maintenance of equipment and spare parts, reflecting an increase in the total inventory value of the Base's communications equipment. The increased requirements also include the replacement of a video bridge, in accordance with the standard replacement policy of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The increased requirements are partly offset by a reduction of $25,200 in commercial communications as an

efficiency gain of the Base in the 2007/08 financial period. The costs for fixed and mobile telephone traffic will be reduced by implementing least-cost routing and other efficiency measures, including user profiling.

	Variance	
Information technology	$1 268.5	31.7%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

106. The increased requirements are attributable mainly to the acquisition of equipment and software packages for the Strategic Air Operations Centre, Engineering Design Unit and Geographical Information System Centre proposed to be located at the Base. The increased requirements are also attributable to an increase in the maintenance of equipment and spare parts line items, reflecting an increase in the total inventory value of the Base's information technology equipment.

	Variance	
Medical	($68.0)	(15.3%)

- **Management: reduced inputs and outputs**

107. The reduced requirements are due mainly to the reduction in the requirement for vendor managed medical supplies for strategic deployment stocks.

	Variance	
Other supplies, services and equipment	$598.8	19.3%

- **Management: additional inputs and outputs**

108. The increased requirements are due mainly to the operational requirements of the Training Delivery Cell, including services related to accommodation and meals for participants from Member States who attend training courses. In 2006/07, those requirements, including daily subsistence allowance for the participants in peacekeeping training and national experts, were met through the support account budget (see A/60/727), and no such provisions were included into the budget proposal of the Logistics Base. The increase is partly offset by a reduction in the logistics support services contract of the Logistics Base, as a result of the new concept of operations and restructuring of the Base. The approved budget for 2006/07 included services equivalent to 56 contractor staff for 12 months, while as a result of the restructuring, the Logistics Base would be able to reduce the level of the logistics support services to the equivalent of 50 contract staff, resulting in an efficiency gain of $285,000 in the 2007/08 financial period.

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

109. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base are:**

(a) **Approval of the amount of $40,683,600 for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the 12-month period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;**

(b) **A decision to apply the remaining unencumbered balance of $3,746,300 for the financial period ended 30 June 2006 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (see A/61/679, para. 23 (b));**

(c) **Proration of the amount of $36,937,300 among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.**

V. Summary of follow-up action taken to implement the decisions, requests and recommendations made by the the General Assembly in its resolutions 60/267 and 60/266 and the requests and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions endorsed by the General Assembly and of the Board of Auditors

A. General Assembly

(Resolution 60/266)

Decisions and requests to the Secretary-General	*Action taken to implement decisions and requests*
Section II: budget presentation	
Undertake the review of staffing requirements, function and level of posts that would reflect evolving mandates, changing operational requirements, actual responsibilities and functions performed, with a view to ensuring the most cost-effective use of resources (para. 2).	The proposed new concept of operations for the Logistics Base, described in the present report, aims to address this request.
Include in all performance reports in respect of peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the support account, details of monthly expenditure patterns, as well as to provide, in the context of the consideration of the budget submission, to the extent possible, supplementary information on the most up-to-date financial data available on actual expenditures for the current period (para. 3).	The monthly expenditure patterns for the Logistics Base are included in the performance report on the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement (see A/61/679, para. 8). The most up-to-date financial data on actual expenditures for the current period will be provided as supplementary information for the legislative bodies in the context of the consideration of the present report.

Decisions and requests to the Secretary-General	*Action taken to implement decisions and requests*
Review the practice of allowing peacekeeping staff to take up temporary duty positions in other peacekeeping missions, including for staff currently seconded on temporary duty, to consider ways to limit the length of temporary duty secondments as well as to elaborate on the exceptions and ensure that such secondments do not impact adversely on the operational activities of the parent mission, in particular when the parent mission has existing vacancies (para. 5).	The Department of Peacekeeping Operations is currently reviewing its policy on temporary duty positions in other peacekeeping missions. The Logistics Base utilizes temporary duty positions to deploy specialized teams for short time periods, for example, to assist in the integration of strategic deployment stocks fly-away kits. Such a practice increases the timeliness for systems to be fully operational and ensures efficient and effective system integration. The specialized teams are back-filled by cross-trained staff of the Logistics Base.
Section III: use of consultants	
Ensure that the commissioning of external consultants in the Organization by senior management and programme managers is conducted according to established administrative procedures and financial regulations and rules, with full respect for the mandates of internal and external oversight bodies and the oversight role of the General Assembly, and to report thereon (para. 2).	Implemented.
Section IV: high vacancy rates	
Intensify ongoing efforts, including through innovative approaches, to ensure the expeditious filling of all vacant posts (para. 1).	The average vacancy rate of international staff for the 2005/06 financial period was 5.4 per cent, compared with 13.5 per cent in 2004/05. The average vacancy rate of national General Service staff in 2005/06 was 23.0 per cent, ranging from 42.2 per cent in July 2005 to 4.8 per cent in June 2006. This was due mainly to delayed recruitment of the 64 national staff included in the 2005/06 approved budget to convert individual contractors performing core functions at the Logistics Base.
Ensure greater use of national staff in peacekeeping operations (para. 2).	In the 2005/06 financial period, all national General Service staff posts in the Logistics Base were filled by nationals of States members of the European Union who were locally recruited staff.
Consider, when formulating budget submissions, greater utilization of national staff, as appropriate, commensurate with the requirements of the mission and its mandate (para. 3).	It is planned that all vacant national General Service staff posts will be filled by nationals of States members of the European Union who will be locally recruited.

Decisions and requests to the Secretary-General	*Action taken to implement decisions and requests*
Section VII: procurement opportunities	
Increase efforts to improve procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation thereof (para. 1).	A procurement summary by country for strategic deployment stocks is provided in the performance report on the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (see A/61/679, annex I). The procurement opportunities have been presented on the website of the Procurement Service. All procurement opportunities related to the Logistics Base are presented in the Base's website at www.unlb.org/procurement.
Continue to ensure that information on procurement opportunities in peacekeeping operations is made available to business communities, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through, inter alia, continued cooperation between the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and the Procurement Service of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, utilizing the United Nations information centres and offices, as appropriate (para. 2).	The Procurement Section of the Logistics Base sources goods and services from worldwide suppliers. The Base uses its website to advertise future tenders and register worldwide suppliers and utilizes the global marketplace to identify potential suppliers from developing countries or countries with economies in transition.
Section IX: regional cooperation	
Emphasizes the importance of further enhancing collaboration, to the extent possible, with a view to achieving greater synergy in the effective and efficient use of the resources of the United Nations and the implementation of missions' mandates, bearing in mind that individual missions bear a responsibility for the preparation and for overseeing their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations (para. 1).	The approved budget for 2006/07 for the Logistics Base included two new initiatives, namely the Training Delivery Cell and Regional Aviation Safety Office, aimed at greater synergy in the effective and efficient use of the resources of the United Nations. The present proposal includes three new initiatives, the Strategic Air Operations Centre, the Geographical Information Systems Centre and the Engineering Design Unit, aimed at increased effectiveness in operations.
Section XIII: better use of technology	
Make greater use of videoconferencing facilities and e-learning programmes for training and other purposes and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on improvements and efficiencies made through greater utilization of those tools.	In the 2005/06 financial period, the Logistics Base supported over 2,000 videoconferences of peacekeeping operations. In addition, one pilot training course was conducted via videoconference.

Decisions and requests to the Secretary-General	*Action taken to implement decisions and requests*
Section XV: disaster recovery	
Submit to the General Assembly at its resumed sixty-first session a comprehensive report on the proposed establishment of and justification for mission onsite, mission in theatre and off site, and off site and out-of-theatre redundant data centres for disaster recovery and business continuity in peacekeeping missions, as well as on a secondary active communications facility and a disaster recovery and business continuity centre for information technology.	A separate report will be submitted to the General Assembly.
Section XVI: strategic deployment stocks	
Submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a comprehensive report on the implementation of strategic deployment stocks and the use of logistics base and installations, as well as all mechanisms for rapid deployment, including on the evolving concepts used in this regard, taking fully into account the surge in peacekeeping operations, the location, operational and strategic requirements of peacekeeping operations and the need to ensure the utmost efficiencies in the use of resources.	The performance report on the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/679) contains, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the financial performance from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/759/Add.9, para. 26) and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/297, a report on implementation of the strategic deployment stocks and a summary of the award of strategic deployment stocks procurement contracts. In addition, a separate report addressing the implementation of strategic deployment stocks in a broader context will be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

(Resolution 60/267)

Requests/recommendations	*Action taken to implement requests/recommendations*
Detailed information on the concept of operations, financial and legal implications and expected benefits that may arise from the expansion should be submitted with the budget for 2007/08 to the General Assembly for its decision (para. 5).	The present report describes the proposed new concept of operations, its financial implications and its expected benefits.
Provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, in the context of the reporting on the Training Delivery Cell, detailed information on the efficiency and effectiveness of all Department of Peacekeeping Operations training programmes to be implemented at the United Nations Logistics Base, drawing a	A separate report on training in peacekeeping will be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration. The recruitment process for the Logistics Base Training Delivery Cell is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2007. Since the Cell will be operational only towards the end of the financial

Requests/recommendations	*Action taken to implement requests/recommendations*
comparison with training programmes provided at other facilities and United Nations offices (para. 6).	period, an assessment of the pilot project will be available only in the 2007/08 financial period.
Provide, to the extent possible, a preliminary assessment of the pilot project in the next presentation of the budget, and notes that if the concept is applicable it will consider proposals to establish regional aviation safety offices for other peacekeeping missions (para. 7).	The recruitment process for the Regional Aviation Safety Office has been completed, and the selected candidates will report to the Base in the first quarter of 2007. Since the Regional Aviation Safety Office will be operational only towards the end of the financial period, an assessment of the pilot project will be available only in the 2007/08 financial period.
Report on any proposals to extend the facilities at Brindisi (para. 9).	A note by the Secretary-General on transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base is under preparation in order to seek approval of the General Assembly for acceptance of additional buildings planned to be included in the second addendum to the memorandum of understanding regarding the use of the facilities at Brindisi by the United Nations.
Continue to analyse how the Logistics Base could best be utilized to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients, and to ensure that any related proposals contain full justification and detailed cost-benefit analyses (para. 10).	The present report describes the proposed new concept of operations, its financial implications and its expected benefits.

B. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

(A/60/787)

Request/recommendation	*Action taken to implement request/recommendation*
The Advisory Committee expressed its trusts that the next budget submission for the Base will contain detailed information on the evaluation of effectiveness of all the Department of Peacekeeping Operations training programmes implemented by the Base. The Committee also requested that information be provided on the level of cooperation in training programmes between the Training Delivery Cell of the Logistics Base, the United Nations University and the United Nations Staff College (para. 23).	A separate report on progress in training in peacekeeping will be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration. The recruitment process for the Training Delivery Cell of the United Nations Logistics Base is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2007. Since the Cell will be operational only towards the end of the financial period, an assessment of the pilot project will be available only in the 2007/08 financial period.
The Advisory Committee recalled that the Board of Auditors, in the summary of its findings, had indicated that the receiving and inspection process at the United	See indicator of achievement 1.1.2 of the present report for the progress in receipt and inspection times of strategic deployment stocks related items. In order to

Request/recommendation	*Action taken to implement request/recommendation*
Nations Logistics Base had not been performed in all cases within the 20-day time frame as established by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.[3] **The Committee expressed its expectation that the next budget submission for the Base would contain information on measures taken to address the Board's finding** (para. 24).	make further progress, all Logistics Base standard operating procedures, including receiving and inspection process, are currently being reviewed in order to meet the International Organization for Standardization 9000 certification standards. The proposed new concept of operations for the United Nations Logistics Base is foreseen to further facilitate process improvements by better aligning the structure of the Base with products delivered and clients served.
The Advisory Committee recalled that the General Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 59/299, had reiterated the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value. The Committee was informed that although the Logistics Base was currently using the Galileo and Mercury inventory management systems, further efforts would be made to improve asset management at the Base. **The Committee requested that information in this respect be included in the next budget submission for the Logistics Base** (para. 26).	The Logistics Base maintains a very high standard of accuracy and efficacy in inventory management. The Galileo Inventory Management System is fully implemented at the Logistics Base and all peacekeeping missions. The Base continues to be compliant with United Nations regulations and rules regarding inventory management. In order to make further progress, the present budget proposal includes a bar-coding initiative: all new assets received and dispatched from the Base will be automatically identified and processed to enhance inventory control management.
With regard to the fiscal year 2007/08, paragraphs 6 to 9 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/715) contain information on the establishment at the United Nations Logistics Base of air transport, engineering and Geographical Information System functions. As indicated in the report, staffing requirements related to the establishment at the Base of those additional functions would be reflected in the 2007/08 budget for the Base. **The Committee expressed its expectation that full justification and a detailed cost-benefit analysis would be given in support of any proposals to establish new organizational structures at the Base; particular attention should be paid to outlining a clear delineation of responsibilities among field missions, the Base and Headquarters for new functions to be assigned to the Base** (para. 29).	The present report aims to address this request.

C. Board of Auditors

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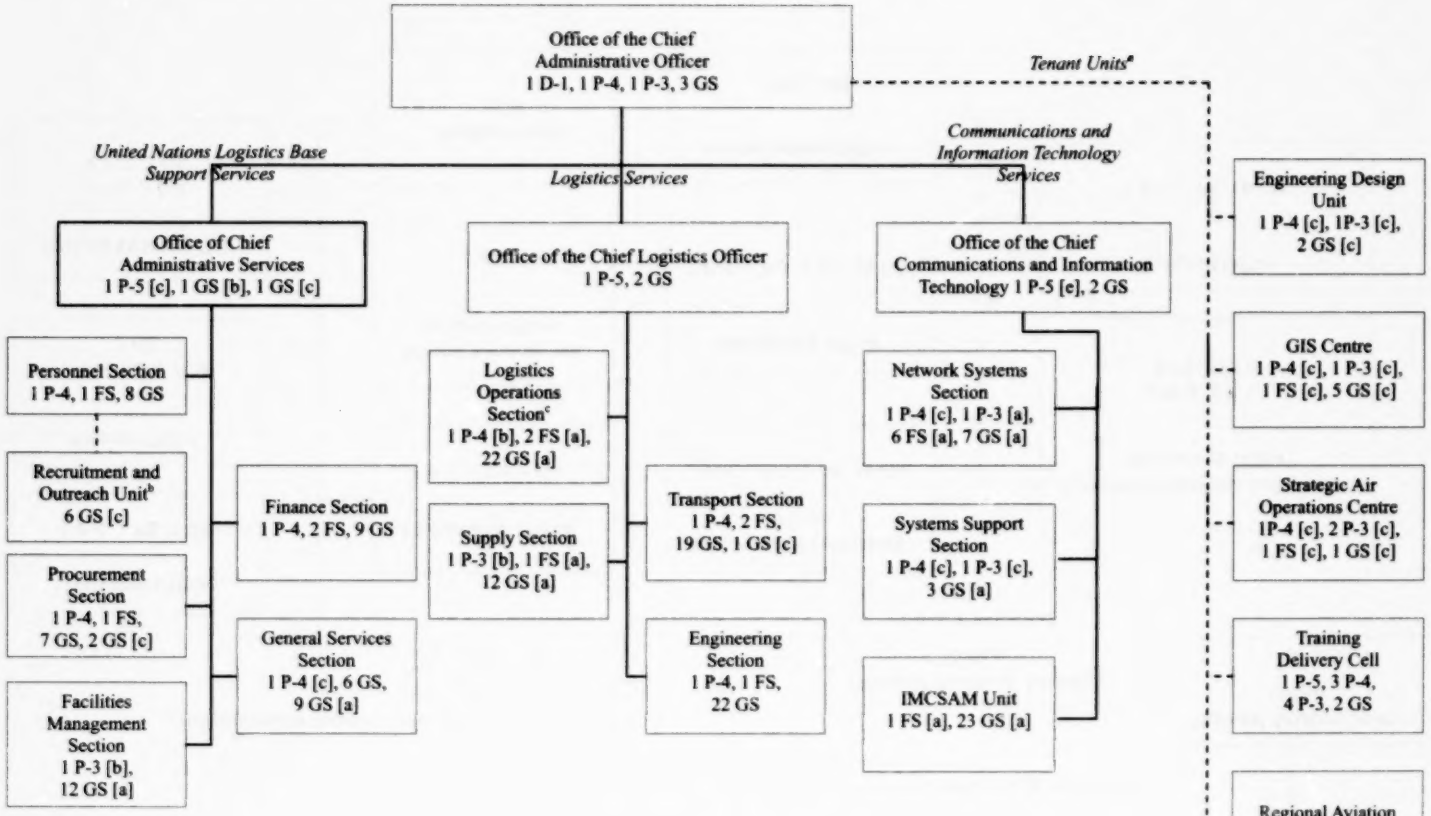
Request/recommendation	*Action taken to implement request/recommendation*
The Board reiterated its recommendation that the Administration expedite the promulgation and implementation of its policies and procedures on strategic deployment stocks as a matter of priority (para. 240).	Implemented.
The Department of Peacekeeping Operations agreed with the Board's reiterated recommendation that the United Nations Logistics Base, in conjunction with the Department, follow up and obtain acknowledgement of receipt of items shipped to missions and monitor the shipments to ensure the timely acknowledgement of receipt (para. 245).	Implemented.
The Board recommended that the United Nations Logistics Base, in consultation with the Department, develop suitable operating procedures, in line with good practices, to expedite the receiving and inspection process (para. 249).	See indicator of achievement 1.1.2 of the present report for the progress in receipt and inspection times of strategic deployment stock-related items. In order to make further progress, all Logistics Base standard operating procedures, including the receiving and inspection process, are currently being reviewed in order to meet the International Organization for Standardization 9000 certification standards. The proposed new concept of operations of the Logistics Base is foreseen to further facilitate process improvements by better aligning the structure of the Base with products delivered and clients served.

Annex

A. Proposed structure of the United Nations Logistics Base

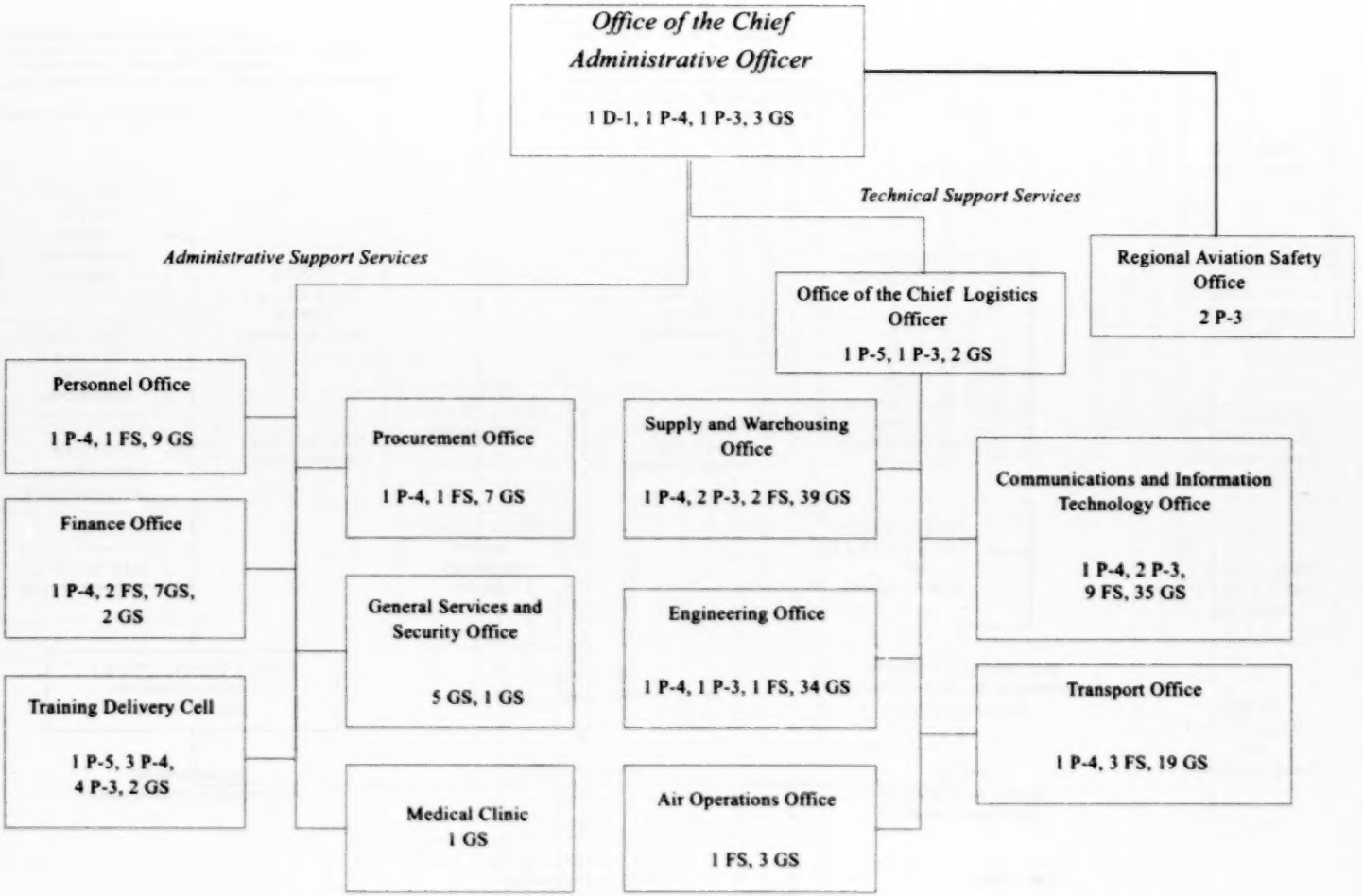

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
1 D-1, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 3 GS
Tenant Units[a]
United Nations Logistics Base Support Services
Logistics Services
Communications and Information Technology Services
Office of Chief Administrative Services
1 P-5 [c], 1 GS [b], 1 GS [c]
Office of the Chief Logistics Officer
1 P-5, 2 GS
Office of the Chief Communications and Information Technology 1 P-5 [e], 2 GS
Engineering Design Unit
1 P-4 [c], 1P-3 [c], 2 GS [c]
Personnel Section
1 P-4, 1 FS, 8 GS
Logistics Operations Section[c]
1 P-4 [b], 2 FS [a], 22 GS [a]
Network Systems Section
1 P-4 [c], 1 P-3 [a], 6 FS [a], 7 GS [a]
GIS Centre
1 P-4 [c], 1 P-3 [c], 1 FS [c], 5 GS [c]
Recruitment and Outreach Unit[b]
6 GS [c]
Finance Section
1 P-4, 2 FS, 9 GS
Supply Section
1 P-3 [b], 1 FS [a], 12 GS [a]
Transport Section
1 P-4, 2 FS, 19 GS, 1 GS [c]
Systems Support Section
1 P-4 [c], 1 P-3 [c], 3 GS [a]
Strategic Air Operations Centre
1P-4 [c], 2 P-3 [c], 1 FS [c], 1 GS [c]
Procurement Section
1 P-4, 1 FS, 7 GS, 2 GS [c]
General Services Section
1 P-4 [c], 6 GS, 9 GS [a]
Engineering Section
1 P-4, 1 FS, 22 GS
IMCSAM Unit
1 FS [a], 23 GS [a]
Training Delivery Cell
1 P-5, 3 P-4, 4 P-3, 2 GS
Facilities Management Section
1 P-3 [b], 12 GS [a]
Regional Aviation Safety Office
2 P-3

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; GS, General Service

[a] Administered by the United Nations Logistics Base under operational control of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.
[b] Pilot project to be funded under general temporary assistance.
[c] Includes the present Air Operations Office.

[a] Restructuring of the Logistics Base resulting in the move of post(s) from Office X to Section Y, while the functions of the post remain the same.
[b] Restructuring of the Logistics Base resulting in the move of some or all of the functions from an existing or abolished post in Office X to an existing post(s) or to a post created in Section Y.
[c] Creation of new post(s) as a result of introduction of new functions at the Logistics Base.
[d] Abolishment of post.
[e] Reclassification of a post.

B. Current structure of the United Nations Logistics Base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Technical Support Services
Administrative Support Services
Regional Aviation Safety Office
2 P-3
Office of the Chief Logistics Officer
1 P-5, 1 P-3, 2 GS
Personnel Office
1 P-4, 1 FS, 9 GS
Procurement Office
1 P-4, 1 FS, 7 GS
Supply and Warehousing Office
1 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 FS, 39 GS
Communications and Information Technology Office
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Finance Office
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General Services and Security Office
5 GS, 1 GS
Engineering Office
1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 FS, 34 GS
Transport Office
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Training Delivery Cell
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Medical Clinic
1 GS
Air Operations Office
1 FS, 3 GS